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NEWS.

ON MARCH 30 the Imperial Zoological-botanical Society of Vienna will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary by a jubilee session in which related academies, societies, associations, and institutes are invited to participate.

A NEW monthly botanical journal, *Torreya*, has been begun by the Torrey Botanical Club of New York City, under the editorship of Marshall A. Howe. The journal is intended for the shorter notes and items which have been lately rather crowded out of the *Bulletin*.

THE YALE SUMMER SCHOOL of Forestry, under the direction of Henry S. Graves and James W. Toumey, will hold its sessions at Grey Towers, the estate of Mr. James W. Pinchot, near Milford, Pa. The school begins July 8, 1901, and continues eight weeks.

IN A RECENT "minor notice" (30:418. 1900) in this journal, certain publications being issued by the botanists of Japan were confused. A letter from Professor Y. Yabe makes the following statement: Three series are being issued, whose titles may lead to confusion. *Icones Florae Japonicae* is a university (Imperial Univ., Tokyo) publication, and but one part has appeared, having been issued last April. It is in the editorial charge of Mr. T. Makino. *Phanerogamae et Pteridophytæ Japonicae Icon. Illustr.* and *Cryptogamae Japonicae Icon. Illustr.* are the private publications of a few botanists.

THE SOCIETY for Plant Morphology and Physiology met at Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27 and 28, 1900, under the presidency of D. P. Penhallow. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *president*, ERWIN F. SMITH; *vice presidents*, F. C. NEWCOMBE and L. M. UNDERWOOD; *secretary*, W. F. GANONG. The following new members were elected: M. A. CARLETON, F. D. CHESTER, E. B. COPELAND, T. H. KEARNEY, J. W. TOUMEY. The most important business of general interest was the presentation in printed form of the report of the committee on reviews of botanical literature, which has already been referred to in this journal (p. 143). A committee (Messrs. Ganong, Lloyd, and Atkinson) was appointed to take into consideration the subject of a standard college entrance option in botany, to be made as widely acceptable as possible. The address of the retiring president, *A Decade of North American Paleobotany*, has been published in full in *Science*, together with abstracts of the papers presented.